

**REMARKS**

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final office action dated April 7, 2003, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 30, 35, and 37 are hereby amended. Claims 1-16 and 18-37 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Applicants hereby amend claim 30 and submit that the rejection of claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is moot in view of the amendment. Applicants submit that support for the amendment made to claim 30 can be found in the specification at page 18, lines 9-13.

Claims 1-16 and 18-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,462,798 to Kim et al. (hereinafter "Kim"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons set forth below.

The rejection of claims 1 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1-16 and 18-34 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "at least one electric field distortion dielectric structure in each of the at least two pixel regions, wherein the dielectric structures in neighboring pixel regions have different configurations." The cited reference, Kim, fails to teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 2-3, 7-11, and 19-34, which depend from claim 1; claim 4 and claims 5-6, which depend from claim 4; and independent claims 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18 are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claims 35 and 36 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 35 and 36 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "a plurality of electric field distortion

structures formed in different configurations within neighboring pixel regions.” The cited reference, Kim, fails to teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 35, and claim 36, which depends from claim 35 are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claim 37 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 37 is allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, “a plurality of electric field distortion dielectric structures in the plurality of domains, wherein the dielectric structures in neighboring pixel regions have different configurations.” The cited reference, Kim, fails to teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 37 is allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. According, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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